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- 1. REF (A) MESSAGE PASSED TO RAZI OF PAAI. PER REF (B), ROBERTSON HAS GONE TO LONDON AND EXPECTS TO BE BACK HERE FEB 12.
- 2. WE THINK IT WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO PUSH A FEB. 16
 DEADLINE ON THE VOLTAN GOVERNMENT. SEVERAL MINISTERS, MOST
 NOTABLY THE FINANCE MINISTER, WHO IS KEY PERSON, HAVE IN PAST
 EXPRESSED IRRITATION OVER PAAI "PUSHINESS". AT THE MOMENT THIS
 IRRITATION HAS SUBSIDED SOMEWHAT, BUT IT IS JUST BELOW THE SURFACE.
- 3. FYI: RAZI'S REACTION TO MESSAGE WAS THAT IT REFLECTED SITUATION OF SEVERAL DAYS AGO, WHEN ROBERTSON MIGHT HAVE HAD TO FALL BACK ON PAXTON AND BARRON FOR FINANCING, AND ACCEPT THEIR TERMS. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO ROBERTSON, THE NEW MONEY REFERRED TO IN REF (B) COMES FROM BACKERS IN CALIFORNIA WHO BOUGHT SOME OF THE NEW STOCK AND LEFT THEIR VOTES IN TRUST TO ROBERTSON, THUS NOT DISTURBING CONTROL OF THE AIRCRAFT.

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